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Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Crosby, you're recognized to speak.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. I will just finish and try to make sense of what I was saying to you, that my work during the interim, and I didn't even visit with Senator Schimek during that time, I went out on my own with my staff lawyer in some of the meetings and the first thing we did was send this bill to three different people that I felt would have some bearing and some...in the first place, they're out of the political arena and that's what I wanted--some people who are not involved in any of the movements either way, and they are not. And I did feel that their judgment of the bill, from an objective point of view, helped me greatly to continue my support of LB 480. I have apprehensions about it, I'll have to tell you, because, as I say, we are setting up a new entity and I do worry always about any pot of money that comes along into a health discipline that the abortionists might get ahold of. I don't want that to happen. But it's up to us, you, I, everyone who's involved, to watch and monitor. Don't just pass the bill and get people appointed and then say, well, we did that; now we don't have to worry any more. Yes, you do. You have to be sure that it's going to work the way you think it should work. That's true with any legislation that we pass here. It's ongoing. If, in the next two years, and I won't be here but I might be watching. I'll try and keep awake because last week I fell asleep a lot when I was watching you, (laugh) have to tell you. But I won't be here but you will be and I will be able to pay attention and know what's going on, and if you feel that it's not working the way it's supposed to, there is nothing to stop any one of you from introducing a bill to refine this bill or to refine this legislation. Women's health is very important. Women end up as the caregivers for the family and it's just one of those phenomena and perhaps that's all...it's been that way always. But the other thing, I will go back to the three women that I visited with and had several conferences and got their feelings and their concerns, and I do feel if you don't feel that Senator Schimek's amendment having to do with no money going to abortion referrals or organizations that do that, then you'll have to figure out some other way to make that stronger. If you think